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SUBJECT: 22 SEPT ROCKET LAUNCHER INCIDENT AT J-1

REF: A) STATE 235144 B) STATE 237474

1. REF B PARA 2: OUR INFORMATION AS OF THE DATE OF THE INCIDENT ON 22 SEPTEMBER OBTAINED FROM RELIABLE CONTACT AT J-1, DID NOT GIVE ANY INDICATION OF PRESENCE OF OTHER WEAPONS ON THE SITE THAT MIGHT VIOLATE THE SINAI II ACCORDS. IT IS, HOWEVER, REASONABLE TO SPECULATE THAT THERE MAY BE LIVE AMMUNITION SOMEWHERE ON THE SITE FOR THE TWO ROCKET LAUNCHERS THAT WERE SENT OUT OF J-1 ON 23 SEPTEMBER 1976.

2. RE PARA 3 REF B: COL. LEVINSON AND HIS STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR ALL REGULAR AND RESERVIST OFFICERS TO BE COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH THE SINAI II ACCORDS. IT HAS BEEN OUR EXPERIENCE THAT BY AND LARGE THE LIAISON OFFICERS AT J-1 WATCH STATION SITE HAVE BEEN WELL VERSED IN THE SINAI II ACCORDS AND WHEN IN DOUBT AS TO PORTIONS OF THE AGREEMENT AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES THERETO, HAVE PHONED THE IDF LIAISON OFFICE AT RAFIDIM FOR CLARIFICATION AND EXPLANATION AS NEEDED. THE SFM LIAISON OFFICERS AT BOTH SITES HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF UNCLASSIFIED

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EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH THEIR OPPOSITE NUMBERS THE

GENEVA AGREEMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY SO THAT THERE IS A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF ONE ANOTHER'S RESPONSIBILITIES. OUR LIAISON OFFICERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO ADDRESS QUESTIONS, SHOULD THEY ARISE, TO THE OPERATIONS WATCH OFFICER FOR CLARIFICATION AND/OR MODIFICATION AS NECESSARY BY DIRECTOR, SFM. LT. ROMI HAD RECEIVED A BRIEFING PRIOR TO HIS ASSIGNMENT TO J-1 FROM NOT ONLY COL. LEVINSON'S OFFICE BUT A DETAILED BRIEFING FROM COL. YORAM'S OFFICE IN RAFIDIM AND HE SIGNED A STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT.

3. AS CLEARLY DEFINED IN THE SFM POLICY MEMORANDUM DATED 18 AUGUST 1976, PARA 9, THE SFM LIAISON OFFICER'S OPPOSITE NUMBER (ISRAELI OR EGYPTIAN) WILL BE PRESENT AT ALL TIMES TO ASSIST THE SFM LIAISON OFFICER. WE HAVE FURTHER REFINED THAT STATEMENT TO INCLUDE " IF IN YOUR OPINION ASSISTANCE IN NOT FORTHCOMING, I.E. TRANSLATIONS OF IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS, ASSISTANCE IN INVESTIGATIONS OR VIOLATIONS, OR INSPECTIONS OF CONVOYS, THIS SHOULD BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE SFM OPERATIONS WATCH OFFICER."

4. REF B PARA 4: SFM DIRECTOR, ASSISTED BY CHIEF OPERATIONS SCHILL AND TWO LIAISON OFFICERS, WILL MAKE A FORMAL INSPECTION OF J-1 WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 1976. RESULTS OF THAT INSPECTION WILL BE REPORTED.
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